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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jerry Redman

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7,9,10,12 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7,9,10,12 and 14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 2, 6, 8, 11, and 13 have been cancelled; and

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14-18 (newly added) are herein addressed below.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Galer (203/0213179 A1). Galer discloses a window assembly comprising a window (12) having an opening (15), an L-shaped flange (18, paragraphs 0008 and 0009 discuss the L-shape) bonded/adhesive (paragraphs 0012 and 0013) attached to an inside (inside/outside is relative since the claims fail to recite inside or outside with respect to what) lower portion of the window (12) and formed of metal or plastic (paragraph 0012), wherein the flange (18/218 as shown in Figure 6) has a rounded/contoured region along a top/upper portion and the flange (18) extends substantially at a bottom edge of the opening (Figure 2) or extends slightly within the opening (flange 218 in Figure 6). Galer (203/0213179 A1) further discloses the upper surface of the flange (18) having outer regions (portions along about both sides of the window opening) at a higher elevation

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relative to a bottom edge of the opening and a central region at an equal or higher elevation relative to the bottom edge of the opening along its entire width as well as extending "substantially" a same length as the bottom edge of the window opening.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14 are allowable.


The applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed persuasive. The applicant argues that Galer fails to disclose a flange extending substantially a same length as the bottom edge of the window opening. It appears that the applicant is utilizing the phraseology "substantially" to narrow the claims over Galer yet the applicant fails to provide specific dimensions in the specification as to the length or even a range in which the length of the flange extends beyond the window opening. Moreover, the applicant fails to provide the importance the length of the flange and more importantly, the length of the flange with respect to the window opening. With respect to the applicant's arguments of the flange being attached to an interior or exterior side, the applicant has failed to limit the claims as such since interior or exterior are relative terms and the applicant has failed to provide this limitation in a specific environment, i.e., interior/exterior with respect to what?

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman at telephone number 703-308-2120.



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